**Bulletin #18 19-July-2005**

Subject:
Roll cage clarifications. This bulletin modifies aspects of Article 5.5 of the 2005 Rally America Performance Rally Rule Book.

Overview:
A) Effective immediately, Rally America will only issue log books to vehicles with roll cages:

1. Certified or homologated, with documentation, by the FIA or an ASN. An FIA or ASN homologation certificate, signed by qualified technicians representing the manufacturer, must be presented to the scrutineer issuing the logbook, as well as at each event. The certificate must contain specifications and drawings or photos of the roll cage in question.

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2. Roll cages that comply to FIA article 253.

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3. Conform to the specifications in Rally America article 5.5.C as amended by this bulletin as follows:

The second paragraph of Rally America article 5.5.A (p. 37) is eliminated.
Rally America article 5.5.C.6.j (p. 44) is eliminated.

Rally America is not in the business of homologating, certifying, or verifying other's certification of alternative roll cage designs or the use of alternate materials. Log books will not be issued for vehicles with roll cages which do not completely conform with one of the three accepted standards stated above.

B) Effective immediately, non-homologated alloy steel roll cages with tubing smaller or thinner than required in 5.5.C will not be log booked. Non-homologated alloy steel cages will not be log booked, regardless of dimension effective 1/1/06.

C) Group N vehicles are not required to have a homologated or FIA article 253 roll cage to be eligible for group N. They can use any Rally America legal roll cage. This is somewhat of a loophole in the FIA Group N rules, because it is assumed by the FIA that any rally vehicle would have a legal (homologated or 253) roll cage to enter a rally. So, this means that vehicles are NOT required to have an FIA roll cage to enter Rally America events in Group N, but simply must have a Rally America legal roll cage. A vehicle with a Rally America legal cage which is not FIA legal would, most likely, not be eligible to compete in rallies not sanctioned by Rally America because the roll cage is not FIA legal.

D) Effective immediately, all existing SCCA and Rally America log booked vehicles with non-homologated roll cage door bars less than 1.75" in diameter and .095" in thickness are required to have side sill bars as described in article 5.5.C.6.f (pp. 39-40).

E) Effective immediately, gussets are required on only one side of the windshield bar, unless required by homologation.

F) Currently log-booked vehicles whose roll cage meets the specifications of 2005 Rally America 5.5 and this bulletin will remain legal for the foreseeable future. Roll cages built to the 2005 Rally America rules with 1.75"x.095" DOM or CDS tubing will also be legal under 2006 rules. The vast majority of vehicles with SCCA log books meet these standards. Those few which do not will be addressed privately on a case-by-case basis.

Stewards may interpret this bulletin as necessary to resolve penalties or protests.

Questions regarding this bulletin received by Rally America from licensed Drivers and Co-Drivers will be answered in writing.